

MEMORANDUM

To: Students interested in applying to the State Board of Education
From: Governor Peter Shumlin
Date: March 2013

My office is in the process of appointing a student to the State Board of Education. Vermont is one of the few states with a full voting student member on its State Board of Education. As you know, this is an exciting opportunity for Vermont's young people, and I am writing to ask for your help informing students of our candidate search.

We are looking for secondary students who will graduate in 2015 or later for a two-year term on the Board. During the student member's first year, they are a non-voting member. In the second year, the student will have voting rights along with the eight other adult members. The term for the student who is chosen will begin on July 1, 2013.

If you are interested send in a completed STUDENT APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT to **Susan Spaulding**, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday May 8, 2013**. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Susan Spaulding at my office at 802-828-3333.

Vermont State Board of Education 16 V.S.A. § 161 Summary

The Board consists of nine voting members and one non-voting member, all appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One voting member is a Vermont secondary school student. The non-voting member is a Vermont secondary school student who is a junior member; that junior member will move into the position of the voting student member the following year.

The powers and duties of the Board include making regulations that govern:

- attendance and records of attendance of all pupils;
- standards for student performance;
- adult basic education programs;
- approval of independent schools;
- disbursement of funds;
- equal access for all Vermont students to a quality education.

The Vermont State Board of Education meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings may be held at different locations around the state; they generally begin at 9:00 AM and last most of the day. Members receive a \$50 per diem plus expenses.

STUDENT APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT

Name_____

Town of Residence_____

Home Mailing Address_____

Name of School_____ Phone #_____

School Address _____

Email address_____ Home Phone_____ Cell Phone _____

Anticipated Graduation Date_____

Have you or members of your immediate family ever been employed by federal, state or local government? If yes, please list positions and periods of employment.

Have you or members of your immediate family, or businesses, in which you or they have been an owner, officer, or employee, had any contractual or other direct dealings with any government agency during the last four years? If yes, please explain.

Is anyone in your immediate family employed by a school, school district, or school board?

Have you ever been arrested, charged with, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$200 or less was paid). Yes___No___ If yes, please give details.

Please list jobs, memberships, or extracurricular activities in which you have been involved.

Can you: Attend daytime meetings?_____

 Spend time reading materials in preparation for meetings?_____

Please list three persons unrelated to you who would support your appointment, ***and attach a letter of recommendation from each***

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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Is there anything else you would like us to know about you, your background, or your experiences?_____

Please provide a brief bio (a few sentences) about yourself. This bio may be used on a public website so please do not include any personal information. _____

If you are appointed, is there anything about you not covered by the previous questions that might reflect poorly on the State of Vermont or on the Board or Commission to which you have applied, if known publicly? _____ If yes, please explain_____

Please enclose a writing sample (essay, letter-to-the-editor, etc.), preferably concerning the topic of education, and a copy of your school transcript (or ask your school to forward a copy to us).

Signed_____

Date_____

*Please feel free to attach a sheet if not enough space is provided for your answers. Please return this form by **Wednesday, May 8, 2013**, to Susan Spaulding, Office of the Governor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-0101. The telephone number is 802-828-3333, fax number 802-828-3339 or email susan.spaulding@state.vt.us .*